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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 3, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the additional references, copies of non-US patent documents enclosed, which may qualify as prior art. For the Examiner's convenience, the references are listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of cited U. S. patents and U. S. patent application publications are not included, but will be provided upon request.

References known to the Applicants are listed on PTO-1449. That information is cited in a spirit of forthrightness and cooperation to enable the applicants to obtain that measure of protection for the invention to which there is entitlement. However, no representation is made that the listed art actually qualifies as prior art under the patent statute and the mere use of PTO-1449 is not an admission that all listed references are prior art. No representation is made that applicants know of the best art.

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